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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Fire Chief

At its meeting held April 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The Governor’s Blue Ribbon Fire Commission, the State panel created to examine the wildfires that occurred in Southern California last fall, recently issued their final report. The report provided over 48 recommendations about how local fire agencies can improve the safety of the communities they serve. However, critics of the report state that enough attention was not focused on fire prevention. Furthermore, the report states that ‘conflicting public policy mandates and lengthy bureaucratic administrative procedures’ are the most significant barriers to reducing the threat of wildland fires. Of the several counties that experienced fires last fall, Los Angeles County suffered the least amount of damage. In spite of this, Los Angeles County is at great risk for damage and loss as a result of future wildfires.

“Therefore, it is imperative that Los Angeles County look at the recommendations in the report to determine what measures Los Angeles County already has in place and what areas the County needs to improve in. Furthermore, the County needs to focus on fire prevention and ensuring that any conflicting policy mandates are appropriately dealt with.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Fire Chief was directed to report back to the Board within 45 days regarding:

1. The Governor's Blue Ribbon Fire Commission's recommendations on how local fire agencies can improve the safety of the communities they serve;
2. The status of the bark beetle and other infestations or tree diseases in Los Angeles County that create an increased fire risk; and
3. A plan to address any conflicting policy mandates.

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